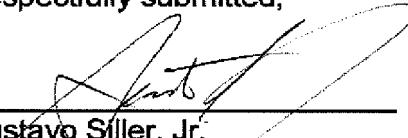


### Conclusion

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and seek an allowance thereof. If the Examiner is unable to allow the application in the next Office Action and believes that a telephone interview would be helpful to resolve any issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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